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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
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Through: Mary Lynne Miller
Acting Regional Director
FEMA Region IV
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 501(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended, and implemented by 44 CFR Part 206.35, I request that you declare an emergency for the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a result of the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 29, 2005, and continuing.

In response to the situation, I have taken appropriate action under State law and directed the execution of the State Emergency Plan on August 29, 2005 and declared a State of Emergency on August 30, 2005.

I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the Commonwealth and the affected local governments. Supplementary Federal assistance is necessary to save lives, protect property, public health and safety. I am specifically requesting Direct Federal Assistance (DFA) and Public Assistance, Category B (Emergency Protective Measures), at 100 percent Federal share for the entire State.

The following information is furnished on the nature and amount of State and local resources that have been, or will be, used to alleviate the conditions of this emergency: the State Emergency Operations Center has been activated and staffed by personnel from the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs, the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, the Department of Transportation, the Kentucky National

Guard, the American Red Cross, the Public Service Commission, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, the Kentucky EMS Board, the Kentucky Fire Commission, the Office of Homeland Security, Kentucky CAP, the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, and the Finance and Administration Cabinet.

More than twenty-three (23) Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) requests have been processed for deployment to Louisiana and Mississippi in support of the recovery efforts for Katrina. Local governments have activated Emergency Operations Centers and have identified shelters to house evacuees from Hurricane Katrina. Hospitals across the State have been identified to receive as many as 650 patients through the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS).

For the next sixty to ninety days the Commonwealth will face shelter issues, such as registration of the incoming evacuees, providing medical care, and licensing issues entailed with possibly bringing in medical staff from other states. Additional requirements must be met involving integration of evacuees into the school systems that will require long-term sheltering and housing, medical care, and education at all levels.

This sudden increase in population has caused, and will continue to put a strain on State resources and local community services as well. I certify that for this emergency, the State and local governments will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

In accordance with 44 CFR § 206.208, the Commonwealth of Kentucky agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance:

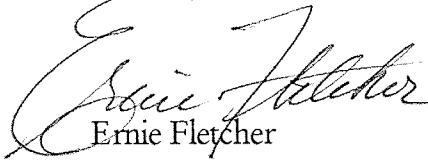
1. Provide, without cost to the United States, all lands, easement, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work;
2. Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work;
3. Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with provisions of the FEMA-State Agreement; and
4. Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

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I have designated Charlie Winter, Assistant Director of Kentucky Division of Emergency Management Agency, as the State Coordinating Officer for this request. Mr. Winter may be contacted at 502- 607-1663, Boone National Guard Center, 100 Minuteman Way, Frankfort, KY 40601, Charlie.Winter@ky.ngb.army.mil.

He will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in damage assessments and may provide further information or justification on my behalf. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Ernie Fletcher